

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Original): A transdermal absorption promotion composition comprising the following components (a), (b), and (c):

- (a) propylene glycol,
- (b) a polyol fatty acid ester, and
- (c) lauromacrogol.

Claim 2 (Original): The transdermal absorption promotion composition according to claim 1, wherein the components (b) and (c) are mutually soluble with the component (a).

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The transdermal absorption promotion composition according to claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~, wherein the ratio of the total weight of the component (b) and component (c) to the weight of the component (a) is 0.01-99 and the weight ratio of the component (c) to the component (b) is 0.1-10.

Claim 4 (Original): A transdermal absorption preparation comprising the following components (a), (b), (c), and (d):

- (a) propylene glycol,
- (b) a polyol fatty acid ester,
- (c) lauromacrogol, and
- (d) a drug component.

Claim 5 (Original): The transdermal absorption preparation according to claim 4, wherein the component (d) is a drug with comparatively high lipophilic properties.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The transdermal absorption preparation according to claim 4 ~~or claim 5~~, wherein the preparation is in the form of an ointment, gel, cream, gel-like cream, liquid, lotion, aerosol, liniment, plaster, poultice, or reservoir-type patch.

Claim 7 (Original): A homogeneous liquid preparation basically comprising the components (a) to (d).

Claim 8 (Original): An oily ointment or oily cream preparation comprising the components (a) to (d) and an oily base.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): A method of promoting transdermal absorption of a drug in a transdermal absorption preparation comprising applying the transdermal absorption preparation of claim 4 ~~or claim 5~~ to the skin.